

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 COPENH 02926 211809Z

64

ACTION EUR-25

INFO OCT-01 NEA-10 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-07 H-03

INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-10 PA-04 RSC-01 PRS-01 SPC-03

SS-20 USIA-15 ACDA-19 IO-14 SCEM-02 EB-11 INT-08

OMB-01 TRSE-00 DRC-01 /169 W
----- 053132

R 211653Z NOV 73

FM AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8091

INFO AMEMBASSY BONN

AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

USMISSION EC BRUSSELS UNN

USMISSION NATO

AMEMBASSY DUBLIN

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY LUXEMBOURG

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY ROME

AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

S E C R E T COPENHAGEN 2926

E.O. 11652 GDS

TAGS: PFOR EEC DA IS

SUBJ: EC FOREIGN MINISTERS' DISCUSSION OF
THE MIDDLE EAST

IN A CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSEN NOVEMBER 21,
AMBASSADOR GREENWALD (ACCOMPAINED BY DCM AND EMBOFF)
INQUIRED ABOUT DISCUSSION OF MIDDLE EAST AT NOV 20
MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS, WHICH ANDERSEN HAD
CHAired. GREENWALD REFERRED TO BANNERED STORY IN
HERALD TRIBUNE THAT DUTCH HAD WARNED THEIR PARTNERS
THAT THEY WOULD CUT BACK EXPORTS OF NORTH SEA GAS
UNLESS THEY WERE BACKED IN THE FACE OF THE ARAB OIL
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 COPENH 02926 211809Z

BOYCOTT. ANDERSEN SAID THAT THIS WAS UNTRUE AND THAT

FONMIN VAN DER STOEL WAS SATISFIED AT THE END OF THE DISCUSSION. THIS HAD BEEN REAFFIRMED TO ANDERSEN BY DUTCH STATE SECRETARY BRINKHORST MORNING OF NOV 21. ANDERSEN WENT ON TO DESCRIBE MIDDLE EAST DISCUSSION AS FOLLOWS:

A. ISRAEL. FONMINS HAD DECIDED TO RESPOND TO ISRAEL'S INITIATIVE FOR TALKS BY INDICATING THAT THEY WERE PREPARED TO BEGIN A DIALOGUE. HE HAD INFORMED THE ISRAELI AMBASSADOR MORNING OF NOV 21 THAT A FORMAL RESPONSE WOULD BE FORTHCOMING SHORTLY. ANDERSEN THEN CONFIDED THAT HE HAD NOT TOLD THE ISRAELI AMBASSADOR BUT THE FORMAL RESPONSE WOULD BE WITHHELD UNTIL AFTER NEXT WEEK'S ARAB SUMMIT MEETING IN ALGIERS BECAUSE THE NINE DID NOT WISH TO GIVE THE ARABS ANY EXCUSE FOR FURTHER ACTION AGAINST EUROPE. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE NINE WERE NOT CLEAR WHAT THE ISRAELIS WANTED TO TALK ABOUT. GREENWALD SUGGESTED THAT IT WAS PROBABLY MORE A MATTER OF PSYCHOLOGY THAN ANY SPECIFIC ISSUES. ANDERSEN SAID HE AGREED.

B. ARAB COUNTRIES. ANDERSEN SAID THAT THE NINE CONSIDERED THEIR DECLARATION OF NOV 6 AS NEUTRAL, BUT HE REALIZED IT WAS NOT SEEN EVERYWHERE IN THAT LIGHT.

THEREFORE, TO SHOW THAT THEY WERE EVEN-HANDED, THE FOREIGN MINISTERS HAD DECIDED THAT THEY WOULD GET THE MESSAGE TO THE ARABS (IN A MANNER NOT SPECIFIED) THAT THE ARABS, WHO HAD SOME CARDS TO PLAY AT THIS TIME, SHOULD CONSIDER WHAT THE SITUATION WOULD BE IN THE FUTURE AS REGARDS THEIR RELATION WITH THE EUROPEAN NINE. THEY WOULD STRESS IN THIS MESSAGE TO THE ARABS THAT IT WAS EXPECTED THAT EACH OF THE NINE COUNTRIES WOULD BE TREATED IN THE SAME MANNER.

C. PEACE CONFERENCE. ANDERSEN SAID THAT THE QUESTION OF EUROPEAN PARTICIPATION IN A MIDDLE EAST PEACE CONFERENCE DID NOT ARISE DURING THE FORMAL SESSION, BUT HE ADMITTED THAT "SOME COUNTRIES" FELT THAT THE NINE SHOULD BE REPRESENTED AT THE CONFERENCE TABLE. THE

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 03 COPENH 02926 211809Z

QUESTION WAS APPARENTLY DISCUSSED INCONCLUSIVELY AT LUNCH. ANDERSEN SAID THAT HE HAD HAD AN INFORMAL TALK WITH DOUGLAS-HOME ON THE SUBJECT. THEY HAD AGREED THAT THE EUROPEANS SHOULD NOT MAKE ANY REQUESTS OR DEMANDS BUT SHOULD BE PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IF THERE WAS A GENERAL FEELING THAT SUCH PARTICIPATION WOULD BE HELPFUL.

COMMENT. ANDERSEN SEEMED TO WANT TO MAKE CLEAR TO US REPS THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTERS' TALKS NOV 20, BOTH ON THE MIDDLE EAST AND ON OTHER SUBJECTS, HAD TAKEN PLACE IN AN AMICABLE ATMOSPHERE AND THAT THERE WAS NO CONFRONTATION ON THE OIL ISSUE, AS MIGHT BE INFERRED FROM CERTAIN PRESS ACCOUNTS. HE CAUTIONED AGAINST REVEALING THAT THE NINE'S REPLY TO ISRAEL WOULD BE DELAYED UNTIL THE ARAB SUMMIT AND SAID THAT HE HAD NOT REVEALED THIS TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARIANS WHEN HE BRIEFED THEM NOV. 21.

THIS CABLE WAS PREPARED SUBSEQUENT TO AMBASSADOR GREENWALD'S DEPARTURE.
CROWE

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PETROLEUM, NATURAL GAS, MINISTERIAL MEETINGS, TRADE CONTROLS, FOREIGN POLICY POSITION
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 21 NOV 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: cunninfx
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973COPENH02926
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: COPENHAGEN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19731120/aaaaaoun.tel
Line Count: 129
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: cunninfx
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 12 SEP 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <12-Sep-2001 by rowellE0>; APPROVED <25-Sep-2001 by cunninfx>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: EC FOREIGN MINISTERS' DISCUSSION OF THE MIDDLE EAST
TAGS: PFOR, DA, IS, XF, EEC
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005